

Representative Norman K. Thurston
State of Utah
House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Thurston:

I write to request that you and your colleagues look into the occupational license that the State of Utah requires for workers in blow dry bars.

My daughter and I own and have operated the Styld Blow Dry Bar in Trolley Square since 2017.

Our business is enjoying good success. We have many satisfied customers. We provide them with blow outs and styling, make up, wedding-hair updos, braiding and hair extensions.

Our biggest problem today is finding workers. This is because of Utah's occupational licensing laws.

We have many potential employees who want to work with us. They are young women who only want to blow out and style hair. But Utah law prevents us from hiring them. That is because the law requires these potential workers to have a full barber's license.

Utah's occupational licensing law in this field is excessive and unnecessary. Our work is safe. We do not cut hair. We do not use chemicals to straighten hair or dyes to color hair. What we do is to get women ready for work, weddings, birthdays, and girls' night out. We make women feel good about themselves.

We also maintain high standards. Because of our high standards, clients appreciate us and come back to us. Returning clients are vitally important to our business model. We run a membership program that helps working women afford weekly blow outs. High standards and a good reputation are key to maintaining and growing our business.

Our workers should be free to work and exempt from Utah's occupational license for barbers.

Please visit our salon at 602 E 500 S-Suite D 126 in Salt Lake City. I would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss with you changing state law.

I thank you and members of the Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee for considering this request and investigating if you should change Utah's licensing laws.

Very truly yours,

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